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GREETINGS.

WANTED.—A girl for light housework. Enquire at this office.

Rev. Dr. Hunting will preach at Decatur next Sunday.

Henry Brewbaker left Tuesday morning for the Upper Peninsula.

A fine line of Boys school suits just received at McCullough & Button.

Harvey Button and Bert Nichols, of Vernon, spent Sunday with B. C. Batton.

S. S. Davidson of E. Saginaw, was in town Tuesday, visiting his mother and brothers.

Joseph Miller has moved his family into the Francis Palmer house on Woodworth street.

Morris Messenger, of the Duluth Herald, a former Gratiot county boy, is visiting friends in town.

The Bee Hive Stores quote prices, lower than the lowest and give you a fine present, in the bargain.

Wallace Halsted and wife, of Lyons, are the guests of their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Amsden.

Our Council are making some marked improvements in the shape of new sidewalks. Let the good work go on.

Eli Rollin has purchased the Dray of J. Arnold and is now prepared to do all kinds of draying. ELI ROLLIN.

Wm. Parker, in the employ of Montigel & Co., was called to Cadillac on Saturday to attend upon a sick brother.

M. C. Dallas has been improving the appearance of State street near the Milliken house in setting out Maple trees.

N. J. McCullough, of the firm of McCullough & Button has gone after his family and intends to settle soon in Alma.

The M. E. Aid Society will meet with Mrs. A. J. Baker, corner of Lincoln and Center street on Wednesday p. m., April 25th.

Wright & Hooper have purchased a herd of Shorthorn cattle from P. Ketchum, of Saginaw, that are bred from a superior strain of stock.

Mr. D. Leach has bought the business of Mr. Titus in the Shoe making line, who has left for Muskegon where he intends going into business.

Parents looking for children's school shoes will miss great bargains if they fail to call and examine the line assortment displayed by E. L. Stark.

Rooms WANTED.—Unfurnished sitting room and bed room in private family by man and wife—prefer them near post office. Enquire at this office.

By mistake in last week's issue we represented Rodman & Walbridge's young horse "Pierre" as a Clydesdale; he is a Percheron, instead, and a good one.

The Detroit Tribune has issued a very neat base ball score book for the national league season of 1888. The Record acknowledges the receipt of a copy.

The Young Peoples Guild Society will give a Clothes Pin social at the residence of Mrs. W. S. Turck, Monday evening Apr. 23rd. All turn out and enjoy a grand time.

Wright's Opera House Band gave our citizens an open air concert last Saturday evening which was highly appreciated. The boys have worked hard this winter and are in fine shape.

Rev. George F. Hunting, of Alma College, and Rev. A. F. Bruske, of Saginaw, were on Wednesday elected commissioners to attend the 100th general assembly of the Presbyterian church of America, which convenes in Philadelphia on the 15th of next May.

The ladies of the order of the O. E. S. have pieced a beautiful silk quilt which they will dispose of by drawing Friday evening at their lodge rooms, in connection with a sugar social and hop. The ladies make these entertainments especially enjoyable. Let there be a good attendance.

A. C. Me Graw & Co.'s celebrated \$3.00 Calf Seamless Shoes, genuine calf out from selected tannery skins, solid sole leather outsoles, solid sole leather insoles, solid sole leather counters, the tops are made of glove grain and will outwear the ordinary glove calf. The bottom shoe has worked button holes and all goods in hall, button or congress are sewed with imported thread, will wear as long and feel as comfortable as any \$5.00 shoe in the market. Every pair guaranteed as represented. Sold by W. R. Kinch.

Walter Conkright, left last week for Oregon.

The best fifty cent shirt in the world at Mc & B's.

Troman Whitney, of St. Louis, was in town Tuesday.

Call and see us and examine Our Prices. Mc & B.

T. A. Miller & Co. are now selling cigars 5 for 10 cents.

The best 50 cent Tea in the town at McCullough & Button.

C. J. W. Glass has purchased a house near the Episcopal Church.

Miss Warren, of Ionia, is the guest of her uncle, W. O. Johnson.

Fresh Alabastine in every tint at T. A. Miller & Co., next to Post office.

Dr. Hunting was called to Kalamazoo on Tuesday to preach a funeral sermon.

D. Tracher, of Detroit, has moved on his farm two miles south of this place.

If you want the best shoes for the least money, call at McCullough & Button.

Mr. T. C. Titus left Tuesday morning for Muskegon where he expects to remain for some time.

Fred Church has moved into the rooms formerly occupied by F. C. Achard in the Church block.

E. R. Schweir, the hustling merchant of Sheppard, made this office a pleasant call Tuesday, while in town.

Been to the Bee Hive yet for one of those nice presents? every purchaser of one dollar and upward gets one.

E. E. Brown, foreman of the Flushing Observer office, is visiting his father and brother of the Record for a few days.

Frank Mattern had the misfortune to strike his foot with a sledge-hammer while setting tire in Montigel & Co's shop, inflicting quite a serious injury.

Wesley Griffith, late of the Mt. Pleasant Democrat, will start a Democrat paper at St. Louis. Mr. G. is a red hot democrat and will make things howl.

Joseph Vought and wife are called to mourn the loss of their little baby boy, one year of age, who died of lung fever after a short illness Monday night.

Look at the Bee Hive show windows. They have on exhibition some of the presents they give to customers during their Grand Gift sale.

We are in receipt of the first and second Annual Catalogues of the officers and students of the Michigan Mining School, at Houghton, setting forth some of the advantages of this school.

On Tuesday last, by order of the Prosecuting Attorney, the body of Mrs. Eliza Palmer was taken from the ground and another rigid investigation was made by Dr. Scott, of Ithaca, and Drs. Suydam, Downie and Yerington of this place. We are informed they verify their former examination to a letter.

The Republicans of the township of Arcadia, will meet in caucus at the Angell House, in the village of Alma Monday, April 23, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing seven delegates to represent the said township in the county convention to be held at Ithaca, April 27th, to elect delegates to the state convention to be held at Grand Rapids, May 8th.

Glen Walsenick, a boy 4 years old, got on the east bound train at Six Lakes Wednesday night and said he was going to see his grandma, but was unable to tell her whereabouts. Traveling men treated the little fellow to supper and he fared well, so well that he did not want to go home, but his father telegraphed for him and he was taken home from this place by Mr. Roy. He had in his pocket one penny.

C. W. Tann, of St. Louis is under arrest on a shocking charge. It is charged that Jennie Campbell and Maggie Higbarker, of Mt. Pleasant, aged 15 and 17 years, were kept in Littlefield's saloon for two days and were visited by a number of men, while it is even said that while perfectly nude, they were exhibited to a party of men and boys. His examination is set down for April 28 at Ithaca.

Bro. Tucker, of the Ithaca Herald, had one of severe attacks of cramps last week owing to an error in some of the names in the election returns given in the Record two weeks ago. As our acquaintance with these names has been very short and as the returns were in a very hard hand writing, we think we are excusable, but nevertheless we are thankful for the correction even from this source. Perhaps when we become better acquainted and our paper has no more town patronage and takes no more time and work to issue it than the Herald, perhaps then the "paper published at the College town of Central Michigan" (as he names us, which we are proud of) will too (?) be infallible.

Evidence Accumulating Against Edwin Palmer.

A gentleman named Myron Traver, who worked for D. R. Sullivan last season, says that soon after Mrs. Palmer disappeared, he met Palmer in Mr. Hick's saloon and that Ed asked him if he wanted to make some money, he told Palmer yes, he was always ready to do that, Palmer then said, come to my house to-morrow night, I have a job for you. He went there as Palmer suggested and Palmer told him that he had murdered his wife and the body was buried in the barn, that he was obliged to keep watch all the time and he wanted he should take it away. Upon his refusal to do so, Palmer told him that if he ever told what he had done he would do him. After leaving here Traver learned through the papers of what had been discovered and brooding over what he knew, it so troubled him that he wrote to the Prosecuting Attorney stating that Palmer told him and expressed his willingness to testify in furtherance of the ends of justice.

The St. Louis Republican, recently turned out, has been revived by Frank Vandercook. The first number of the new issue is before us. It is a seven column quarto, of good appearance newsey and well entitled to the patronage of the reading public. Here is our

County Seat.

Bottled milk is being distributed to our citizens by the milkmen.

Mrs. Jas. Jennie and son returned from their winter home in Florida last week.

Rev. Mr. Jefferson, of New Haven, occupied the pulpit of the Baptist church last Sunday.

An epidemic of colds, coughs and sore throats is prevailing in our midst. It is pronounced Catarrhal fever.

The G. A. R. had a sugar social at their rooms last Friday evening. Attendance small on account of storm.

S. W. Ambler, formerly Treasurer of this county, is in poor health, being confined to his room and unable to attend to business.

Mrs. Decker, from Portland, Ionia county, has opened up a Bazaar and Millinery store in the building lately occupied by J. B. Crawford, the druggist.

Miss Amy Whitney, daughter of Geo. B. Whitney, a popular young lady of 24 years, died suddenly of quick consumption, last Sunday, after an illness of only a few weeks. Funeral at Baptist church on Tuesday.

At a meeting held at the Court house on Monday evening, the Ithaca branch of the Republican club of Gratiot Co. was organized, with Wm. L. Phillips, President, John M. Evered, Secretary, Jas. P. Gibbs, Vice President; Wm. Beasley, Collector, as the officers of the club. Over fifty names were enrolled as members. Speeches were made by Messrs. Salter, Walbridge, Sawyer and others.

In pursuance to a notice given to members of the legal profession, a meeting was held at the Court house on Tuesday afternoon, to organize a Bar Association. A committee on By Laws, Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and Fee Bills, were appointed. Committee to make report on May 1st at which time the organization will be perfected.

The Emerson Township branch of the Republican Club of Gratiot County was arranged at the Centre last Wednesday evening. Officers: President John L. Stacy; Vice Presidents, School Dist. No. 1, Chas. H. Webster; No. 2, Johnathan Allen; No. 3, Lyle Francis; No. 4, Willard Gay; No. 5, Jessie L. Guthrie; No. 6, Samuel D. Thompson; No. 7, Waldo Curtis; No. 8, Geo. H. Hane; No. 9, Henry June; Sec'y, Justice N. Guthrie; Collector, Robert Gamble. 29 names were enrolled.

A most unfortunate and sad accident occurred Saturday afternoon, Little Nellie Thayer, daughter of Wm. Thayer, a bright, active child of four years, lost her life. She went with her mother to the house of a neighbor. Connected with the bath-room of the house was a large, deep cistern, covered by a trap door. The little one was out playing and started for the house alone. She ran into the bath-room and plunged head-long into the cistern. The mother becoming anxious made search, and her dead body was found floating in the water. Effort was made to resuscitate her, but life was extinct. The grief of the heart-stricken mother over the corpse of her darling one was pitiable to behold. Through the carelessness of a hired man, who was watering horses, and left the cistern uncovered, a bright innocent life was extinguished and a happy home made desolate. The funeral took place on Tuesday at the M. E. church.

PROBATE COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Estate of W. H. Odell deceased; F. and account of administratrix filed.

Estate of Bridget Patton, incompetent a final account of guardian filed.

Estate of Henry Patton deceased; a bill of real estate made and confirmed.

Estate of Eliza Palmer, deceased; order made appointing an administrator and bond issued.

In the matter of Elizabeth Helzmoor, application made for the adoption and change of name of said minor.

Estate of John Brillhart, deceased; order made limiting the time for payment of debts; days for hearing claim, July 16th, and Oct. 15th, next.

ALMA COLLEGE DEPARTMENT.

Items under this heading selected from all columns of the Faculty and each day except Sunday. These items are not published in the Record, but are published in the Record for the good of the community.

Miss Ross conducted the Normal class Wednesday.

Rev. Hart preached in the chapel Sunday afternoon.

The boys who went out to the Kres Sunday school last Sabbath report a wet time.

Mr. Norton was received as a member of the Y. M. C. A. at their last meeting.

The Rhetorical divisions met with their several instructors, as last term on Thursday afternoon.

Some of the students took advantage of the fine weather last Saturday afternoon, and went to the woods to gather wild flowers.

Misses Penoyer and Trask spent last Sunday at their homes in Saginaw. Miss Brown, in Edmore and Miss Fancher in Mt. Pleasant.

Arbor day will be observed at the college, by the planting of a large number of trees of various kinds, in and around the College grounds.

Dr. Hunting preached at Hastings last Sabbath. While away he visited the Michigan Female Seminary at Kalamazoo. He reached home Tuesday night.

The reception of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. for last Friday night, was postponed indefinitely on account of the serious illness of Victor Nellis, an active member of the Y. M. C. A.

The College Orchestra is coming to the front, not only furnishing the accompaniment for the singing but also playing marches etc. at the Campus exercises, thus adding much to their attractiveness.

DIED.

In this Village, April 18th of Typhoid pneumonia, following Measles, Victor Nellis, of Coughton, Nebraska, a student of Alma College, aged 19 years.

Resolutions.

At a special meeting of the Faculty of Alma College this afternoon, the following was authorized as the expression of their esteem for their young friend Victor Nellis, deceased, and their deep sympathy with his family and friends in this hour of sorrow.

Resolved, That we were heartily moved our appreciation of the excellent character and the true Christian worth of the young man whose death has taken from us, and extend to his bereaved family and friends our kindest sympathy.

Resolved, That we can not comprehend the providence which has cut down this rare lad in his early unimpaired, we do not, dare not question that infinite wisdom, which never makes mistakes.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread on the pages of our minutes and a copy sent to the friends of Mr. Nellis; and further, that the same be published in the ALMA RECORD and our College Quarterly.

For the Faculty,
Geo. F. HUNTING, Pres't.

At a meeting of the Ladies Students' Association and the Young Women's Christian Association held this afternoon, the following resolutions were authorized:

WHEREAS: It has pleased our Heavenly Father to remove from us our friend and fellow-student, Victor Nellis, therefore:

Resolved: That we, the Ladies Students' Association and Young Women's Christian Association of Alma College, do hereby express our heartfelt sympathy with the friends of our schoolmate in this bereavement.

Resolved: That we cherish his memory as that of a faithful student and earnest Christian, and that we will ever try to follow him as he followed Christ.

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the hands of his friends, and that they be published in the ALMA RECORD and in the Alma College quarterly.

BERNICE HUNTING,
BERTHA M. FRANK,
KATE L. BOOTH,
Committee.

"HE SLEEPS."

WHEREAS: Our Heavenly Father has seen fit in his goodness and mercy, to remove from our midst, our beloved

friend and fellow-student, Victor Nellis

who was a young man of strong Christian character, a faithful and persevering student, loved and honored by all his fellows, and

WHEREAS: he was the efficient secretary of this association, therefore, he resolved, by the students in association, hereby, that in the death of Victor Nellis, we feel that we have suffered the loss of a most industrious student, a dear friend and a faithful officer, and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his friends, a copy printed in the ALMA RECORD, and a copy entered upon the records of this association.

A. W. THOMPSON,
Pres't Students' Ass'n.

"NOT DEAD, BUT GONE BEFORE."

WHEREAS: It has pleased Almighty God, in his wise providence, to take from our midst one of our beloved students and

WHEREAS: said student was an honored and active member of this association, therefore he it resolved, by the members of the Young Men's Christian Association of Alma College in special assembly, and

That it is with a feeling of personal loss and sorrow, that we mourn the departure of our beloved friend and fellow-student, Victor Nellis, and extend our heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and friends in this, their sad hour of bereavement, and

Resolved: That in his death we recognize the Divine hand of our Father, resting in His promises that "Whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die," and that "Though he were dead, yet he shall live" and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to his relatives and friends, a copy printed in the ALMA RECORD, a copy sent to the Highland paper, and a copy spread upon the records of this association.

R. T. LIND, Pres't.
THED. W. MAISEL, Sec'y.

Obituary.

Victor Nellis will be long remembered by the faculty and students of Alma College, as among the brightest and best of their first year's boys.

He came during the Winter vacation, and registered at the College Dec. 28th, 1887. He entered upon his work here with an earnest zeal and a worthy ambition, to prepare himself for the Gospel ministry, to which he had given him self in a hearty consecration.

His means were limited, and he was compelled to practice careful economy, and to earn what he could toward paying his way. He made no secret of his circumstances, but went honestly about his business and when not engaged in study, worked at the printer's case in the office of the ALMA RECORD, so helping himself along.

By his genial, pleasant manners, and straightforward morality, he won the respect of all who met him, both in and out of school.

Toward the close of the month of March he had taken a cold, and about the same time was exposed to measles. This disease took its usual course, and he seemed to be rapidly recovering, when symptoms of pneumonia appeared and he soon became very ill. The best medical council the region affords, was secured, and a regular attendant provided to care for him, and all that could be done for a boy away from home was done. His uncle, Mr. Cummings, of Highland, came to him on Friday last, and has given him constant attention since that time.

The warmest thanks of Mr. Nellis' friends are due to Mr. Howard, his nurse, the attending physicians, and many others, for faithful, tireless care of the dear boy, and for persistent efforts to afford him relief. But the disease baffled all skill, and he grew rapidly worse, with brief intervals of apparent improvement, until he quietly passed away, a little before 10 o'clock on the morning of the 18th. of April.

Victor Nellis was a lad of rare promise, having good natural ability and indomitable energy and push, which we hoped would one day make him a very useful man in his chosen work. He was much esteemed by his fellow students and was chosen an officer in two of their societies.

We cannot comprehend the why of this strange providence, but we trust Him who has said, "Be still and know that I am God."

We know that He always does that which is wisest and therefore we leave all our questioning, until in His own best time, He shall explain for us the strange mysteries of life and death. Of one thing we are assured by most comforting evidence, our dear boy was ready when the Master called him; and the future, as he caught glimpses of it through the clouds, was full of sunshine. He was a brave, manly boy, uncomplaining in pain, grateful for every least attention. His pure, clean life will ever be a fragrant memory among those who knew him best and there are cheering tokens that his influence was so felt, that it will long be true of him "He being dead, yet speaketh."

G. F. H.